

6. (Amended - Clean Copy) The pressure sensitive sensor according to claim 2,

a) wherein said first electrode member includes an elastic electroconductive tube comprising an elastic electroconductive material, said second electrode member includes a central electrode member having a long narrow bendable shape provided inside said elastic electroconductive tube, and said insulative member is provided between said central electrode member and said elastic electroconductive tube so that said net braid member covers an outer peripheral surface of said central electrode member.

Please cancel claims 20 and 21 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

REMARKS

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